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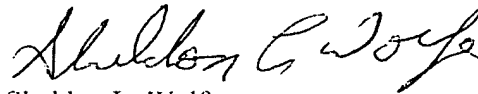
In the pending application, the Office subjected claims 1-85 to restriction and/or election requirement. More specifically, the Office states the application contains claims directed to patentability distinct species of the claimed invention. The Office is requiring Applicant to elect a single disclosed species from Figures 9, 10, 10A, and 11 for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1 and 78 are considered to be generic.

Applicants elect the species of Figure 10 with traverse. Applicants respectfully disagree with the propriety of the restriction. There are two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions: (A) The inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; **and** (B) There must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is required. See M.P.E.P. 803. The Applicants respectfully assert that examination of the claims can be made without serious burden on the Examiner. In order to properly examine the generic claims, the Examiner will need to perform a search on all of the species of Figures 9, 10, 10A, and 11. Therefore, Applicants assert further prosecution of all the species can be made without serious burden on the Examiner, and request that the Office does not restrict the application.

Applicant asserts claims 1-9, 14, 16, 21, 26, 27, 47-56, 58, 59, 65, 68, 72-75, 78, 79, 82, and 83 read on the species of Figure 10.

The undersigned is available during normal business hours if a telephone conversation would be helpful to advance prosecution in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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